

BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department Name:

Create Date:

Due Date:

Submitter Name:

UW Email Address:

Phone Number:

Department Head Approval:

Department Head:

Requested Amount:

Departmental Information

STUDENT UTILIZATION

Students who may have any legal questions (about landlord tenant agreements, or legal matters impacting their ability to continue to live in Tacoma, WA (US)) would be able to consult with the Student Legal Services (SLS) team from UW Seattle for no cost to them. The SLS program at both Seattle and Bothell is funded through SAF funding. Vanessa De Veritch Woodside and Akane Yamaguchi have also been advocating for this. Given the unique make-up of our student population, I believe this service will be extremely helpful to our students. SLS ONLY serves students, this is not a consultation service for staff or faculty.

CORE VALUES/MISSION ALIGNMENT

SLS will be employed to work directly with students as they address needs in their personal, and possibly professional lives. Legal services are often a daunting prospect for many of our students as access has traditionally been denied to them. By bringing SLS to campus, we will also address issues of inequity when it comes to advise regarding the legal systems.

SAF-FUNDED PROGRAM OR SERVICES GOALS AND OUTCOMES

When Student Legal Services started serving the students at the UW Bothell campus, they began by marketing their services heavily. We would do the same here. SLS has a student staff team who will get the information out to our students, and Student Life will assist with that. Student Life has strong partners in Office of International Students and Scholars, Student Transition Services, First Gen Fellows, and the staff and faculty who work with our Undocu students. We will use all those avenues to make students aware that this consultation service is available to UW Tacoma students. SLS will also track usage and concern type for us, as this is a service they provide. At the end of one year, we will know what the need has been, and be able to better design the program for the following year.

STUDENT UTILIZATION (COMPARISON OVER PAST 2 YEARS)

At this time, we only have anecdotal information about the need for this particular service. Here are the concerns that Akane Yamaguchi (Director, OISS) has dealt with over the past year. This is only one example of a student need (specific population). Vanessa de Veritch Woodside who works with Undocu and DACA students has anecdotal information as well:

- A student was arrested for malicious mischief under domestic violence without a bail and spent two nights in a jail and had a partial court date. I referred this student an immigration attorney off campus.
- A recent graduate approved for Post-completion OPT was admitted back to the U.S. as a B visa waiver by error caused by a Custom and Boarder Protection Officer. I consulted Tanya regarding this and she suggested to contact CBP directly. The student ended up emailing every single CBP offices across the U.S. and have their admit status changed to F-1 Duration of Status.
- A student shared that they are experiencing a landlord/ tenant dispute and asked about Student Legal Services.
- A newly admitted student is in the U.S. with H-4 visa/status and wishes to apply for F-1 student visa. The student's H-1B principal has been approved for I-140 and the student has H-4 Employment Authorization Document. They want to understand the potential risk of being denied for F-1 student visa.
- Ongoing issue with an student who may benefit from applying for an asylum in the U.S.

COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS

SLS collects data on numbers served, issues addressed, and how the student experience was throughout the process. They will share this information with us annually. Based on what we learn from them, we can then adjust how we are meeting the needs of Tacoma students.

SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

Our students, like those at Seattle and Bothell, often have need for legal advice. They need to consult with a lawyer about any number of things - landlord disputes, understanding a legal contract they may be required to sign, assistance with immigration paperwork or divorce paperwork. These are all real life experiences no matter that they are happening to a college student. Finding a lawyer can be a daunting, not to mention extremely expensive task. Student Legal Services will help reduce that cost for our students, and will give them easy, SAFE access to legal advice.

Staff Budget Requests

| Category | Details | Amount Requested |
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| | PERSONNEL TOTAL: | \$0 |

Other Budget Requests

| Category | Details | Amount Requested |
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| Contracted Services | Attorneys billed \$55/hr at 2 hrs/wk for 100 hr/yr = \$5500 Rule 9 Interns 3rd yr law stus billed \$30/hr @ 2 hr/wk for 100hr/yr = \$3000 Legal Assts billed \$20/hr @ 0.5hrs/wk for 225 hr/yr = \$500 | \$9,000 |
| Travel | Should one of the lawyers need to meet with a student on campus | \$200 |
| Non-Food Supplies & Materials | Office supplies, printing costs, marketing materials | \$500 |
| | SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL: | \$9,700 |

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| PERSONNEL TOTAL: | \$0 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL: | \$9,700 |
| COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL: | \$9,700 |

Supplemental Documents